Statement

Details of Kisan Call Centres

Sl.No.	Kisan Call Centres Location	States & UTs Covered
1.	Mumbai	Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu
2.	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh, Uttranchal
3.	Kochi	Kerala, Lakshadweep Islands
4.	Bangalore	Karnataka
5.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry Andaman & Nicobar Islands
6.	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
7.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab
8.	Jaipur	Rajasthan
9.	Indore	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh
10.	Kolkata	(i) West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Jharkhand
		(ii) Tripura, Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim
11.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli
12.	Delhi	Delhi, Haryana

Scheme for cultivation of medicinal plants

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SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme for promoting cultivation of medicinal plants;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government feel the necessity of conducting a study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (d) The Government has set up National Medicinal Plants Board under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as an agency that is responsible for coordinating all matters relating to medicinal plants including drawing up policies and strategies for their conservation, proper harvesting, cost-effective cultivation, research and development, processing, marketing of raw material etc. in order to protect, sustain and develop this sector. The Board has formulated and implemented promotional, commercial and contractual farming schemes for providing financial assistance as per operational guidelines for development of medicinal plants sector in the country. The promotion schemes are aimed at bringing awareness about the importance of medicinal plants and medicinal plants sector as a whole, besides covering basic studies in areas like inventorisation, applied research and development, in-situ and ex-situ conservation, production of quality planting material, value addition, demand and supply, market position etc. The commercial scheme is aimed at creation of innovative market, value addition, harvesting, processing, storage and packaging. The contractual farming scheme aims at providing financial assistance to farmers for cultivation of medicinal plants with assured market on a large scale. The Board has sanctioned more than 2900 projects involving financial assistance of about Rs. 75.00 crores being implemented in different parts of the country during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. About 72,000 acres land covered under cultivation of various prioritized medicinal plants. 590 projects involving financial outlay of about Rs. 72.57 crores has been sanctioned under promotion schemes. About 65,000 acres land has been covered under promotion schemes involving activities like in-situ/ex-situ conservation and raising of herbal gardens. 32 State Medicinal Plant Boards have been set up so far in 27 States and 5 Union Territories.